MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): In the interests of Mr. Ignasimuttu, I beg to request the Government to make that enquiry.

Complaints against Head-master, English High School, Kottar.

36. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the complaints against the Head-master of the Kottar English High School?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government are aware that certain complaints have been made against the Head-master, English High School, Kottar. The complaints have been enquired into and found to be groundless.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): What was the nature of the complaints that were made against the Head-master?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member wants to know the nature of the complaints.

PRESIDENT: I do not think it strictly arises out of the question, but you may answer.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It was stated in the petition that he was wanting in sympathy, that he awarded unreasonable punishments, that his attitude towards the local non-Brahmins was hostile and that his treatment of the parents of school children was not considerate. These were the grounds alleged in the complaint.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): By whom was the complaint made?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): By Mr. Kumaraswami Pillai.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): May I know who he is?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Mr. Kumaraswami Pillai was a member of the Popular Assembly; but it was ascertained on enquiry that the petition was neither signed nor written by him.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): What was the sort of enquiry? By whom and through whom was the enquiry made?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The enquiry was made by the Inspector of English Schools.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Am I to understand that no independent enquiry was made?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Independent of whom?

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Independent of the Inspector of English Schools.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No since the Inspector found that the complaints were groundless.

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MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Did the Inspector summon Mr. Kumaraswami Pillai and ascertain that he did not send the petition?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Inspector might have summoned him. I have no information. That is the only way of ascertaining that fact.

Appointment of Teachers.

37. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (*a*) What is the principle adopted in the appointment of teachers?

(*b*) If science or mathematics teachers are preferred, why is it that science and mathematics teachers are sent out from English schools to the vernacular branch as Assistant Inspectors, Training School Head-masters and Personal and Office Assistants.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The principle kept in view in the appointment of teachers is to meet the needs of the schools concerned.

(*b*) Science and mathematics graduates are preferred when science and mathematics hands are required. Science and mathematics teachers are also sent out from English schools as Assistant Inspectors, etc., because they belong to the same *cadre* as Assistant Inspectors, etc., and are sent out on executive duty according to the exigencies of the service and in the interests of the department. The Director of Public Instruction will, however, be requested to go into the question and see how far such transfers can be avoided.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Is not preferential treatment given to mathematics and science graduates even when the teaching of science and mathematics is not absolutely necessary in a school?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): What kind of preference?

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): In the matter of appointments.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Is it meant recruitment?

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Yes.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is only when physics and mathematics hands are needed that they are taken.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): May I know why they are not given promotion in the mathematics and science branches instead of in the Malayalam and Sanskrit branches?

PRESIDENT: The answer is there.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) *Vide* part (*b*) of the answer.

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